

To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
Justin Poirier, Chair

Fr: Kate Dufour, Director, Advocacy & Communications

Re: Weekly LD List Preview, Poll Results & Another Survey

Date: February 7, 2025

A standing ovation for the policy committee, and its fearless leader, Justin, for the great work at the January 30 meeting. Over the course of the meeting and via participation in a subsequent impromptu Zoom meeting/survey regarding three election related bills, you established MMA's position on 60 bills.

The purpose of this Friday's missive is fourfold.

1. Use this [link](#) for a list of positions that the LPC took at the January 30 meeting which is sorted by staff, committee, and the LD number.
2. Use [this link](#) to read all about the bills that have been printed since last week's meeting.
3. With respect to the survey mentioned above, you can read the survey results [here](#), and the comments on the bills [here](#), and staff will testify:

Neither For Nor Against [LD 309](#), *An Act to Allow a Political Party to Determine How That Party's Nominee Is Selected in a Primary Election*

In Opposition to [LD 313](#), *An Act to Improve Voter Confidence in Electronic Ballot Counting by Requiring Ballots to Contain Unique Identifiers*

In Opposition to [LD 349](#), *Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration*

4. Because you were so responsive to this week's poll, you have been rewarded with another one. LD 326 and LD 353, described below, are scheduled for hearings next week. [Please let us know what you think of the bill by NOON on Monday, February 10.](#)

[LD 326](#) *An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind* (Sponsored by Rep. Bridgeo of Augusta). Beginning on April 1, 2026, this bill increases from \$4,000 to \$10,000 the residential real estate property exemption for resident who are legally blind.

On LD 326, MMA should:

1. Support the bill.
2. Oppose the bill.
3. Take a "neither for nor against" stand on the bill.

4. Be downgraded to a track position.
5. Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.

LD 353 *Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State (Emergency)* (Sponsored by Sen. Ingwersen of York Cty.) This emergency resolve establishes and directs the 13-member Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State to make recommendations for enhancing public awareness, improving identity verification requirements for real estate transactions, and strengthening civil and criminal remedies. By December 3, 2025, the commission is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, which is authorized to submit legislation in 2026.

On LD 353, MMA should:

1. Support the bill.
2. Oppose the bill.
3. Take a “neither for nor against” stand on the bill.
4. Be downgraded to a track position.
5. Take no position on the bill.

Please provide the reasons why you support the selected position.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our advocacy efforts.